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Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

Michigan's Big Show starring Michael Patrick Shiels: Chief Justice Robert Young and Justice Bridget McCormack

Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Robert Young and Justice Bridget McCormack talk about the Limited English Proficiency court rule and the need for interpreters (Tuesday October 15 show-scroll down to number eight-7:24 minute podcast).

[Podcast](#)

Low-cost mediation, related services highlighted on "Conflict Resolution Day"

[Press release](#)

The Detroit News: Lawyers arguing against Michigan affirmative action ban grilled by 4 justices

"... Both John Bursch, Michigan's solicitor general who defended the law, and Mark Rosenbaum, an American Civil Liberties Union attorney who wants the initiative struck down, contended the Supreme Court would likely have to repeal much of two landmark civil rights cases if it upholds the Michigan ballot measure."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Detroit Free Press: Metro Detroiters rally, defend affirmative action at U.S. Supreme Court

[Full story](#)

WKAR News/East Lansing: SCOTUS To Hear Arguments For, Against Michigan Affirmative Action Ban

[Full story](#)

Note: Articles also ran in the Oakland County Legal News, the Daily Press & Argus, the Battle Creek Enquirer, and other media outlets.

Detroit Free Press: Michigan court overturns \$4.85M wrongful death award

"The Michigan Court of Appeals has overturned a \$4.85 million wrongful death award issued by a jury to the family of a man who died in 2002 after being given a morphine overdose.... The court in a ruling this month said there was insufficient evidence that such an amount was warranted."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The Detroit News: Court overturns \$4.85M wrongful death award in Monroe

[Full story](#)

Monroe Evening News: Court Overturns Award In Newport Man's Death

[Full story](#)

Detroit Free Press: Bill to prevent county officials from suing each other passes state senate committee

"A county elected official's ability to sue another county official over their budget would be limited by a bill that passed the Senate Government Operations committee Tuesday.... The bill would require that any future lawsuits be handled by the state Court of Appeals and make the appeals panel consider the

county's ability to pay when coming to a judgment.... The proposal cuts out the county Circuit Court from dealing with the issue."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: Panel discusses importance of cultural diversity in judicial system

"Great progress has been made in introducing diversity into our local legal system, but we still have a long way to go. That appeared to be the conclusion of a panel of prosecutors, defense attorneys and academics, moderated by a judge, at Wayne State Law School."

[Full story](#)

Grand Haven Tribune: Courtroom struggle

"A 44-year-old Grand Haven man is in jail on a \$50,000 bond after a hearing on a charge of failing to pay child support went wrong. Todd Kline's continued attempts to disrupt the proceedings on Friday caused Ottawa County Circuit Judge Jon Van Allsburg to hold the man in contempt."

[Full story](#)

Grand Haven Tribune: GH man documents truth; A passion for justice led David Schock to Georgia

"The Grand Haven man spent three years traveling throughout Michigan and Georgia to tell the stories of the men in Company K, 1st Michigan Sharp Shooters, and the only Native American unit in the Union Army during the Civil War.... Recently, he co-authored 'Judicial Deceit' with Elizabeth Weaver, a retired Michigan Supreme Court justice."

[Full story](#)

Kalamazoo Gazette: Swift and Sure intensive probation program in Van Buren County gets state grant, could launch soon

"Criminal offenders who have proven to be probation problems in the past may get a chance to demonstrate they can straighten up under a 'Swift and Sure Sanctions Probation Program' being considered for Van Buren County.... Similar programs are already established in Kalamazoo, Allegan and Barry counties."

[Full story](#)

Macomb County Legal News: This judge is no hypocrite

"The latest perpetrator to run afoul of a Michigan judge's ban on ringing cellphones in his courtroom is the judge himself. The courtroom of Lansing District Judge High Clarke Jr. has a sign warning visitors to silence their phones, saying they'll be found in contempt if a phone rings."

[Full story](#)

The Mining Journal/Marquette: Resentencing ordered in fatal Alger accident

"The Michigan appeals court ruled an Alger County Circuit Court judge was too lenient when sentencing a drunken driver convicted of accidentally killing his girlfriend. Thomas Murdock was sentenced to a minimum of two years in prison for drunken driving causing death - a year less than the guidelines in his case."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Oakland County Legal News: New sentence ordered in U.P. woman's death

[Full story](#)

Saginaw News: Woman who brought loaded handgun to Saginaw courthouse pleads guilty to drug possession, avoids prison time

"A woman who brought a loaded handgun to the Saginaw County Courthouse has pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance in a deal that allows her to avoid jail time. The woman, Sherenia E. Parks, 45, appeared before Saginaw County Circuit Judge James T. Borchard Monday, Oct. 14, and pleaded guilty to a single count of possession of a controlled substance."

[Full story](#)